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son, Mitchell, Lambert, Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Halsehead.
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9 p.m.

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of the H. & K. W. & Godown Co, Limited
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HONGKONG, December 7th, 1899.

LORD CHARLES BERNARD in the course of
one of his recent speeches said he was told
by a Russian that if a British squadron had
been ordered to Port Arthur at the time
when it was leased to Russia the Russian
fleet had orders to steam out, in order to
avoid complications and war with England.
His Lordship added that he honestly be-
lieved nothing was had then done would have
induced the Russians to go to war, because
they were not ready. That might or might
not have proved to be the case, but the
policy of bluff is attended by serious
risks and is not one to be commended. We
were told quite recently that if the British
Government only displayed firmness there
would not be a shot fired in South Africa.

The British Government did display firm-
ness, and war is the result, as the Govern-
ment itself must have anticipated. The war
is a righteous one, and one from which the
country could not shrink when the issue
was forced upon us, but it altogether dis-
credits the advocates of a policy of bluff,
a policy which, it is to be hoped, Great
Britain will always consistently avoid.

When demands are preferred we should be
prepared to back them up by force if
necessary; if not, it will be more consistent
with prudence and dignity not to prefer
the demands at all. As to the particular
case mentioned by Lord CHARLES BERNARD,
it is very possible that the Russians
might have elected not to wage an unequal
contest with the British fleet, but of what
value would our seeming success have been?

Lord CHARLES BERNARD himself, in the
speech he made at the banquet given to him
by the Hongkong Branch of the Navy
League, told us that the question of the
Russian advance in the north was essentially
a military question. "You may," he said,
"double your fleet out here; you may send
fifteen ships like the *Victorious* out here
and forty destroyers. What has that to do
with the advancement of Russia to the
south? It is, I say, a military and not
a naval question." Being a military
question, that profit would the temporary
withdrawal of the Russian fleet from Port
Arthur have brought us? Russia would
in the meantime have exacted satisfaction
from China away from the seaboard, where
our fleet could not have reached her, and
would subsequently have reappeared at
Port Arthur, when the opportunity again
offered. The Beer war is costing Great
Britain a considerable effort. A war with
Russia, if any lasting result were to be
achieved, would cost a still greater
effort. Circumstances may arise rendering
such a war necessary, and in that case
we may enter upon it with a clear con-
science and firm resolution. But it would
be truly lamentable to allow ourselves to
become involved in such a conflict without
due consideration and simply as the conse-
quence of pursuing a policy of bluff. It is
to be hoped, too, that if Great Britain and
Russia ever do become involved in war it
will not be through the former championing
the cause of barbarism against civilisation.

The finding of the Police Magistrate re-
garding the death of Private JORDAN, of
the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, cannot be re-
garded as satisfactory. The finding reads
as follows:—"That the body found in the
harbour on the 18th November was that
of Private 4787 David JORDAN, R.W.F."
"Death was due to asphyxiation resulting
from a fracture of the skull. There is
no evidence to show how this fracture was
caused." While the enquiry was in pro-
gress we suggested that it was a case for a
jury. A one-man enquiry was deemed suffi-
cient, however, and the enquiry was conducted
by an official whose own conduct, had the
assistance of a jury been enlisted, might
have been deemed one of the branches of
the case requiring investigation. A dead
body is found, death having resulted from
accident or violence; it is through carelessness
wrongly identified as that of another
soldier named JORDAN, and the burial
takes place according to the rites of a
church to which the deceased did not
belong. Presumably authority for the
burial was given by the Police Magistrate,
by whom the enquiry was afterwards held.
Subsequently the body of JORDAN was found,
and an enquiry was then held in both cases.
But there was no indication of how JORDAN,
whose death may have been due either to
accident or murder, came to be buried
without enquiry in the first instance. That
in such a case burial should be allowed to
take place without a public and searching
enquiry constitutes a grave public scandal.

"Veritas" in his letter appearing in this
issue says it requires a pretty strong faith
in humanity to believe that there were no
gold fields in the Transvaal millions of
money would be spent and thousands of
lives sacrificed merely for the sake of a
wretched lot of Outlanders. Such faith
would be unwarranted, however. The
Abyssinian War may be referred to as a
case in point. Many millions of money
were spent on that expedition, and if
thousands of lives were not sacrificed it
was merely the fortune of war; the
risk of such sacrifice was taken. And what
was the object? The rescue of a consul
and a few missionaries. We might also
point to the Sudan. Great Britain obtains
no gold mines for her work in suppressing
the slave trade and establishing good gov-
ernment in that wide region. Human na-
ture and the British character are therefore
not so sordid and selfish as "Veritas" im-
agines. He appeals to Mr. STREED as his
authority on the Transvaal question. Mr.
STREED is a believer in "spooks," is clever
but unreliable, and we would recommend
"Veritas" rather to use his own judgment
than to follow such a leader. The broad
issue, as a contemporary tersely puts it, is
this—Shall a handful of Dutch farmers be
allowed for all time to rule as absolute des-
pots over the mixed population of a country
with an area equal to that of Great Britain
and Ireland? Surely "Veritas" will admit
that the welfare of the population as a whole
should be placed before the interests of a
limited class. Moreover, the Dutch farmers
under the regime of equal rights for all
will be as well off as they were before except
that they will no longer be able to exploit
the Outlanders.

Consul-General WILMAN's delightful "Tales
of the Malay Peninsula" is now in the third
edition and is being sold by a handsome
and well bound. The U.S. Secretary of
the Navy has placed it in the libraries of all
the American men-of-war.

A cricket match will be played on Saturday
between the Hongkong and Shanghai Club
and the Victoria Club. The following will
play for the Hongkong Club:—B. F. Clark,
G. F. Clark, F. L. Johnson, J. A. Ross,
G. B. Vallance, H. R. Hancock, H. E. Greene,
K. M. Kearney, J. Wild, E. C. Smith, G. H. P.
Hay, R. J. Brown.

The Hongkong Football Club's A team re-
gistered its first win yesterday afternoon in
the return match with H.M.S. *Endymion*. In
the first meeting of the teams on the 11th
the Hongkong team looked for six hours
game, but the Hongkong team, each side
obtaining one goal, but this time the A's had
the advantage and scored once to the sailors'
result. Club 1 goal, H.M.S. *Endymion* nil.

The U.S. transport ship, *Whit*, leaving
Nagasaki harbour on the 27th November,
was across the bows of the British sailing ship
Sebastian Black, carrying away the latter's bow-
rigger. A collision occurred, the *Whit* being
at fault. The *Whit* was damaged, and the
captain of the *Whit* was ordered to pay for the
damage done to the *Sebastian*. A claim for
damages has been made by the captain of
the sailing ship—*Nagasaki* Press.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held
this afternoon. Included in the agenda is the
proposed destruction of rats as being pro-
pagators of bubonic plague. The Vice-Pres-
ident of the Board, Mr. J. A. Ross, will be
present. The Board is composed of the
Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Edward
Osborne, and one member to be nominated
by the President, to consider the various
questions arising from the Board's func-
tions. The Board is empowered by Govern-
ment of a Trust to be endowed with a per-
centage of the assessed taxes, and of the pre-
mises on land sales, and with suitable waste lands,
or otherwise, and to use the same for the
sanitary improvements in the city of Victoria,
especially in the matter of the abolition of in-
sanitary areas and of overcrowding.

In view of the Sanitary Board's taking into
consideration the destruction of rats on the
ground of their being propagators of plague
the following from the *Kobe Chronicle* in
reference to the rats is of some interest. It
states that the rats are the cause of the
destruction of rats on account of the outbreak
of plague, the sale of rat-traps has increased largely,
and the stocks at Osaka and Kobe have been ex-
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